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Mayor Don Atchison spoke to media Thursday about the city reporting a \$5-million surplus for 2012. The city plans on spending the extra cash on road maintenance, bridge repairs and savings for future growth. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

How to spend a \$5M surplus

Extra! Extra! Revenue numbers are in. City announces windfall from 2012, eyes putting money toward roads, bridge repairs, savings



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The City of Saskatoon announced a \$5-million surplus from 2012 on Thursday.

"The question is what do we do with it?" said Mayor Don Atchison. "The money will do the most good when it is reinvested in our city."

City administration has proposed dividing the surplus up and putting it toward road maintenance and bridge repairs and into savings to help with spending as the city grows.

It's a plan that Atchison

called "appropriate" and will endorse when it comes to city council for approval on Monday.

"It may not answer all the wants and needs of everyone but it's certainly a stretch in the right direction," said Atchison.

"We're going to make sure that we use (the surplus) in the most appropriate way and in a very conservative way ... in a very safe manner for the citizens of Saskatoon, to put them at the lowest possible risk of higher tax rates into the future."

Atchison said the surplus comes from a number of municipal utilities and services — such as a \$1.15-million surplus in 2012 reported by the Saskatoon Police Service — that "are finding smart and efficient ways to do business."

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U of S students will need deeper pockets for tuition next fall

Tuition hike. School projecting \$44.5M deficit by 2016 if no action taken

By the numbers

\$6M

New tuition revenue is projected at \$6 million in 2013-14. The balance of the university's operating revenue comes largely from the province.

Students at the University of Saskatchewan will be shelling out more for their education in the next school year.

The university's board of governors has approved tuition increases averaging 4.5 per cent.

Tuition for an arts-and-science student will increase \$218 to just over \$5,400, but other programs, including engineering, law and medicine, will see bigger hikes.

Tuition accounts for 23 per cent of the university's operating budget.

The increase comes as the university projects a deficit of \$44.5 million by 2016 if no action is taken to save money.

But board of governors chairwoman Susan Milburn says the school hasn't raised tuition rates to balance the

budget.

"We will continue to adhere to our tuition rate-setting principles of comparability to peer institutions, affordability and accessibility, and enabling quality even in difficult financial times," Milburn said.

The university's 2013-14 operating budget will be announced in mid-May.

The government has asked universities to look for ways to save money in the leadup to the provincial budget, which is to be tabled next Wednesday.

Premier Brad Wall has already said it will be a tightened budget and the government needs to keep overall spending increases to under four per cent.

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The University of Saskatchewan board of governors has approved a tuition increase for the 2013-14 school year.
MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Motorcycle-insurance cap will hit other drivers: SGI

The province is trying to dampen the roar of angry motorcyclists by capping a hefty insurance hike, but it appears the move will hit other drivers in the wallet.

The proposed increase from Saskatchewan Government Insurance would have seen insurance for motorcycles go up by an average of 73 per cent. Instead, the province has asked SGI to amend

its proposed rate hike so that it's capped at 15 per cent for motorcycles with annual rates greater than \$1,000.

Motorcycles with annual rates of \$1,000 or less will be subject to a dollar cap instead of a percentage cap, with a maximum increase of \$150 a year.

"The motorcyclists were very, very vocal, saying it was too much, too soon, and can

we look at options, and we don't disagree with their position that we should be looking at options," Donna Harpauer, minister responsible for SGI, said on Thursday.

SGI initially said the move was necessary because there is a wide gap — about \$9 million — between what it takes in from motorcyclists in fees and what it pays out for their at-fault collisions.

Information on the company's website said the shortfall is essentially being subsidized by operators of other vehicles. Harpauer said other drivers have "always been subsidizing motorcyclists, so that will just continue."

Under the original proposal, 57 per cent of Saskatchewan vehicle owners would have seen rates rise an average of \$28. The revised proposal

means 63 per cent of Saskatchewan vehicles owners would see their rates go up an average of \$35 per year.

The Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel is expected to come to a decision on SGI's proposal in June, with public consultations to be held before then. Any rate changes would not go into effect until Aug. 31.

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St. Paul's Hospital closed to visitors after virus outbreak

Norovirus. Number of cases has more than doubled inside hospital since beginning of week



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St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon closed its doors to visitors on Thursday afternoon for the second time in 12 months as staff say the hospital has 28 confirmed cases of norovirus.

Jean Morrison, CEO and president of St. Paul's Hospital, said staff is working to contain the virus, but the fact the hospital is currently over capacity is making containment a challenge.

"We are going to close the hospital to visitors so that we can, as quickly as possible, contain the outbreak," said Morrison. "We've been run-

ning at capacity and continue to run at and over capacity, so we have a very full and busy hospital and we really need to decrease the amount of movement we have going throughout the building."

Morrison explained there have been no cancelled appointments or surgeries because of norovirus but said the number of cases has more than doubled since the beginning of the week.

"We have two units that we've closed, but we have sporadic cases in other places in the building, which is what causes us concern. We really want to stop the increase in numbers in other parts of the building so we can keep moving patients and keep seeing patients," she said.

Morrison said they would be contacting families of patients already getting care at St. Paul's Hospital, noting family can still get in touch with patients over the phone.

The hospital will stay closed to visitors until further notice.



Jean Morrison, president and CEO of St. Paul's Hospital, says they currently have 28 confirmed cases of norovirus at the hospital and will be closed to visitors until further notice. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Symptoms

What to look out for

Norovirus is a highly contagious infection caused by the Norwalk virus.

Symptoms of the virus include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches and low-grade fever.

The infection is usually spread through direct or indirect contact and can be spread through the air when an infected person vomits.

Symptoms develop 12 to 48 hours after a person has become infected and the virus usually lasts 24 to 48 hours.

Most people recover from norovirus without treatment. Frequent and thorough hand washing can help reduce the spread.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Province backs mandatory asbestos registry



Jesse Todd at the Saskatchewan Legislature on Thursday. Todd is pushing for the creation of an asbestos registry in public buildings. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

The Saskatchewan government says it will back proposed legislation to make reporting of asbestos in public buildings mandatory.

Labour Minister Don Morgan said Thursday that a private member's bill will go to committee that will consider things such as what information would have to be provided on the registry.

"The bill would make it mandatory across a wide range of public entities and that's something we would want to work out at committee as to which entities we properly

have jurisdiction over or should control," Morgan said Thursday.

The bill was introduced by the Opposition NDP last fall in honour of Howard Willems, a former building inspector who died from mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer that comes from inhaling asbestos fibres.

Willems had argued that people should know if they're going into buildings that have asbestos — especially if construction is being done.

Asbestos is typically found in building materials such as insulation. It is not considered

harmful if undisturbed, but renovations or construction work stirs up hazardous fibres that can be inhaled.

The province said last fall it would provide lists of more than 300 government buildings that contain asbestos.

But Willems' family and groups such as the Lung Association of Saskatchewan said that didn't go far enough because it wasn't mandatory for other public buildings such as schools or hospitals.

Morgan said the legislation would make that mandatory.

Willems' stepson Jesse Todd

is pleased with the government's decision to move forward with a strengthened bill.

"The voluntary registry was an incomplete list," said Todd, who is also chairman of the Saskatchewan Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.

"We saw all kinds of variations of information that was submitted. We saw lists that were one-page letters that didn't provide very much information at all. And we also had some of the health regions provide information that was extremely detailed."

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Oilsands

Keystone pipeline is in national interest, says Rae

Interim federal Liberal Leader Bob Rae says the party continues to stand behind the Keystone XL oilsands pipeline project.

Rae, who is on his final tour as leader, made the

comments Thursday at a fundraiser in Saskatoon.

His comments come just one day after Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said federal NDP leader Thomas Mulcair was not acting in Canada's best interest by opposing the \$7 billion pipeline.

Rae said he continues to have a good relationship with Wall and has been clear in the party's commit-

ment to resource development in the West.

Calgary-based TransCanada Pipeline's project would primarily carry bitumen from Alberta's oilsands to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast, but oil would also come from the Bakken formation, which Saskatchewan shares with North Dakota and Montana.

Wall said the pipeline would increase Saskatch-

ewan's oil revenue by \$300 million.

"It's in our national interest to see that these resources are developed in a truly and deeply sustainable way," Rae said.

"I agree with the state department view that says that there's no net environmental effect of building the pipeline in the United States."

After receiving the nod

from Nebraska Gov. Dave, the pipeline's fate is now in the hands of the U.S. State Department and President Barack Obama.

"We've got to get our products to market here," Rae said. "We obviously need to continue to do a better job on the environment but that's no reason to come out against the pipeline."

Meanwhile, Rae's visit to Saskatoon marks one month

before party faithful vote on a new leader. Liberal voters go to the polls on April 14.

The race is down to seven candidates after Marc Garneau withdrew on Wednesday.

While Garneau stepped down because he believes front-runner Justin Trudeau's victory is a "fait accompli," Rae said it is still anyone's race.

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Stranded. Carnival to fly passengers home after cruise cut short

Passengers from the Carnival Dream were heading to the airport Thursday instead of sailing home after an on board generator problem halted their trip in the latest maintenance headache for the world's largest cruise line.

The Dream was in St. Maarten on the final stop of a Caribbean cruise when the crew announced they would not be sailing home to Port Canaveral, Fla., because of a mechanical issue with a diesel generator, passengers said.

Carnival Cruise Lines said the Dream had a "technical issue," with its backup emergency diesel generator that was discovered during a test on Wednesday. A company statement said the ship did not lose power.

Carnival said all systems were functioning normally Thursday but the company had decided to make flight arrangements for the passengers to return home by air.

Passengers strolling about the Dutch Caribbean town of

The Dream

The Carnival Dream was on a seven-day cruise of the Caribbean with 3,646 passengers.

- The ship's March 16 voyage from Port Canaveral has been cancelled.
- An engine fire crippled sister-ship Carnival Triumph in February, leaving 4,200 stranded for five days without working toilets or power.

Philipsburg said the power and water were out for 10-20 minutes, contradicting media reports of longer outages and unsanitary conditions.

"We have toilets. We have water. It's no different than a regular day at sea," said Tasha Larson, after disembarking with her boyfriend to spend the day in St. Maarten.

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Orangutans get a little help from friends

Activists dressed as orangutans hold posters outside the presidential palace in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Thursday during a protest demanding that Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono take immediate action to save orangutans. Orangutan populations in Indonesia's Borneo and Sumatra islands are facing severe threats from habitat loss, illegal logging, fires and poaching. DITA ALANGKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Triumph. Passengers from Texas file lawsuit

A federal lawsuit has been filed seeking damages for 17 people who were passengers last month on the crippled Carnival Triumph cruise ship.

The plaintiffs in the suit filed Thursday are all Texas residents who claim they were physically harmed and fearful for their lives. The ship cruises out of the Port of Galveston.

The suit is at least the fourth to be filed against Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines. A prior one is seeking class-action status for more than 3,000 passengers aboard when an engine fire cut off all power and left them at sea for five days. Passengers say they endured food shortages, raw sewage running in corridors and tent cities for sleeping on deck.

The latest suit argues that Carnival overreaches in protecting itself against liability. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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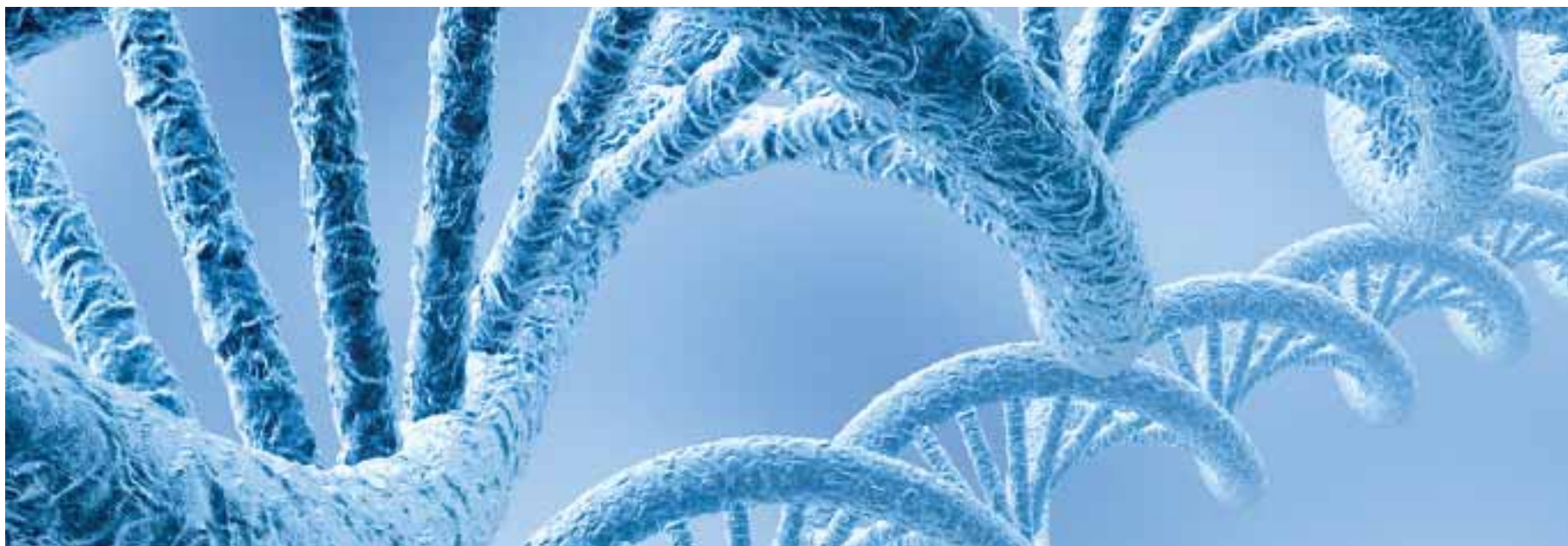
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Sugar and spice and everything nice? More like deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA. Just like you can make different kinds of cakes by altering the recipe slightly, we are all made of the same ingredients in unique amounts. In this final instalment in our three-part series on genealogy, we look at what our genetic make-up can tell us about our ancestry.



Go way back with Mitochondrial DNA



A researcher at the lab at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory.
METRO/HANDOUT

Who can benefit from mtDNA?

The answer may surprise you.

- It's not just living people who can have mtDNA testing done. The Paleo-DNA laboratory at Lakehead University is often tasked with testing degraded archeological material dug up at ancient burial sites around the world.
- Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager, said because mtDNA is the most

plentiful type of DNA, it is usually all that's left to answer many of the questions archeologists have about their discoveries.

- "The mitochondrial DNA can tell us whether the two individuals found in the same burial are related maternally or not ... and we kind of tell roughly where these people originated from in the world," he explained.

Research. DNA serves as an important and interesting research tool in discovering where your ancestors were really from



SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

Digging through family records and talking to grandpa are good sources for starting a family tree. But to go a little further back — say 100,000 years — everything you want to know is already inside of you.

Well, it's in your mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), to be more precise, and researchers at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ont., can use it to trace lineage way, way back.

"We deal with deep ancestry here," explained Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager.

"Basically your mitochondrial DNA can date back anywhere from 10,000 years ago to 120,000 years ago ... so you can find out things like if you came right from Africa or somewhere in Europe.

"We're talking about hundreds of generations."

Because mtDNA is only passed down on the mother's side, Fratpietro explained it is perfect for DNA detectives like him to use for research.

By analyzing the mutations in mtDNA taken from a simple swab of the inside of the cheek, researchers can determine exactly how new or how old your genetics are, where in the world they come from and who you're related too.

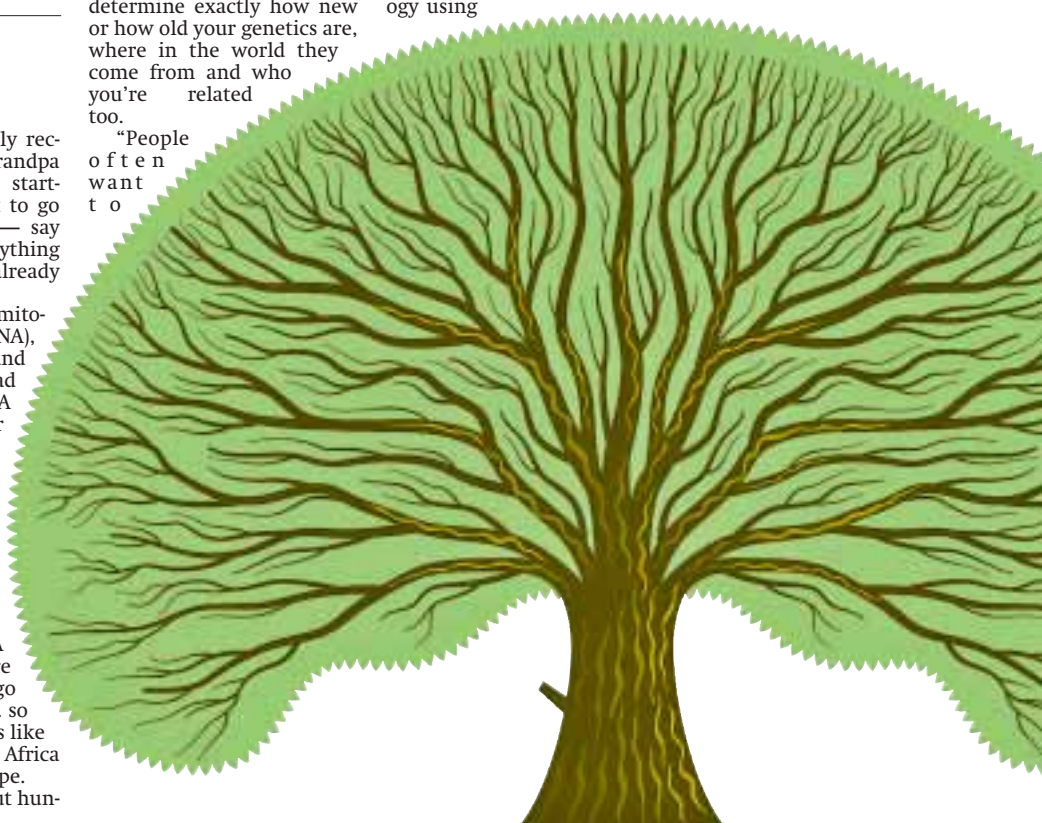
"People often want to

know where their genetics came from," said Fratpietro.

"If you're trying to figure out if you're related to a long lost relative, like a fifth cousin twice removed or something, you can try to establish a common maternal lineage through genealogy using

DNA, and confirm whether you're actually related or not."

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We tested three people to find out what their mtDNA would reveal. The results are in...

Subject 1: Female

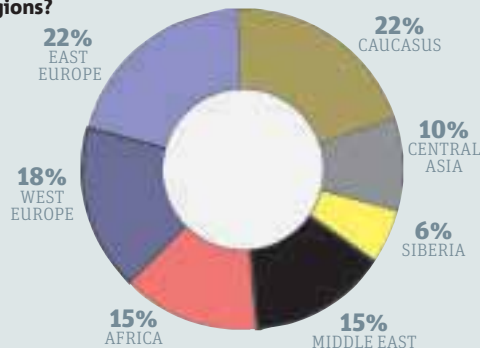
Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted (OK, you've heard that before). I don't really know anything in terms of who created me or what my roots are — which clearly defines who I am today. Yes, I'm super curious! Culturally, this is also a factor. I'm half-Chinese and half-Caucasian (of some sort) and was adopted by Japanese people.

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject one belongs to haplogroup U3. Haplogroup U hypothetically first appeared about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago. Bryan Sykes, author of *The Seven Daughters of Eve* named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Ursula. Haplogroup U descended from Haplogroup R, which lived just after a second migration wave out of Africa, says the report. Haplogroup U has an extremely broad geographic distribution that ranges from Europe and North Africa to India and Central Asia due to numerous subsequent migrations. Although some members of haplogroup U migrated north into Scandinavia and others moved south into North Africa, most haplogroup U members stem from a group that moved northward out of the Near East, crossing the rugged Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia and moving on to the steppes of the Black Sea, then west to the present-day Baltic States and western Eurasia.

How frequently does the U haplogroup appear in different regions?



Subject 1's reaction

"Reading the results, I was very surprised to see that the majority of my DNA was not comprised as much from Asia as I initially thought. I've always thought I was a mix of just about everything but was surprised that it was mostly from eastern Europe and western Asia."

Subject 2: Female

Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted when I was young and I know almost nothing about my biological ancestors. Knowing where I came from would give me a better understanding of who I am."

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject two belongs to haplogroup J and subject three belongs to J2. This means they share a maternal ancestor somewhere in the very distant past. Haplogroup J theoretically first appeared in the Near East about 50,000 years ago.

Sykes named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Jasmine. Haplogroup J derives from the haplogroup JT, which also gave rise to Haplogroup T. Haplogroup J is associated with the Neolithic expansion, the first use of agriculture, into Europe approximately 12,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Groups of hunter-gatherers and subsistence fishermen had been occupying much of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years when a group of modern humans living in the Fertile Crescent (present-day eastern Turkey and northern Syria) began domesticating the plants, nuts and seeds they had been foraging about 10,000

Subject 2's reaction

"Since I'm adopted, I really had no expectations about what would be discovered, but I certainly did not expect to have any common ancestry with another person taking part in this story! I found it incredible how far back they were able to look. It was surprising to me that I have Arabian ancestry. I'd definitely not have guessed that."

Subject 3's reaction

It's a bit of a surprise that those with my genetic makeup are found primarily in the Middle East, specifically in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni population belong to my genetic group. Although Pakistan, where I was born, isn't that far off geographically speaking, it means somewhere down the line my ancestors migrated to South Asia. I wouldn't blame them. We got the best mangoes.

Subject 3: Male

Why did you want to take part?

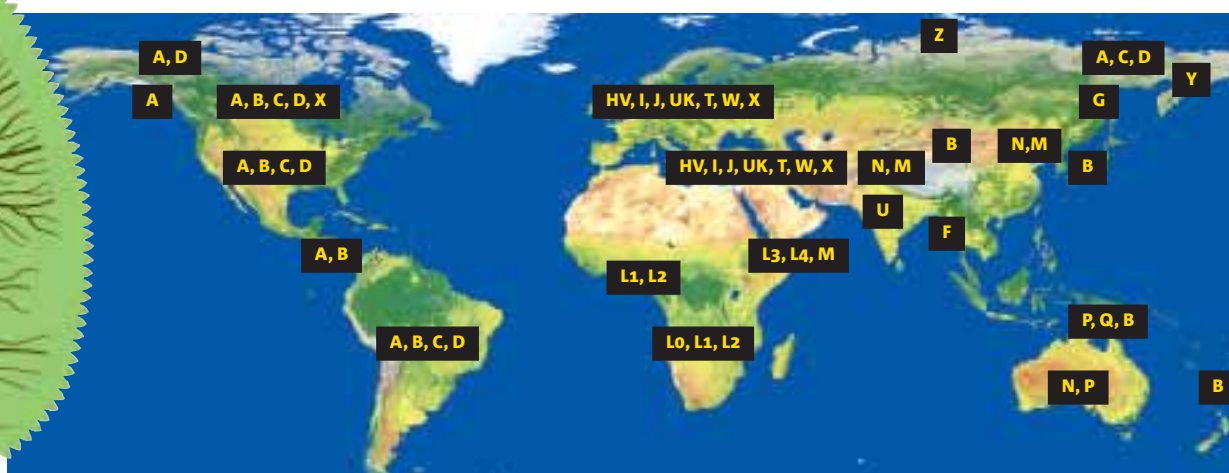
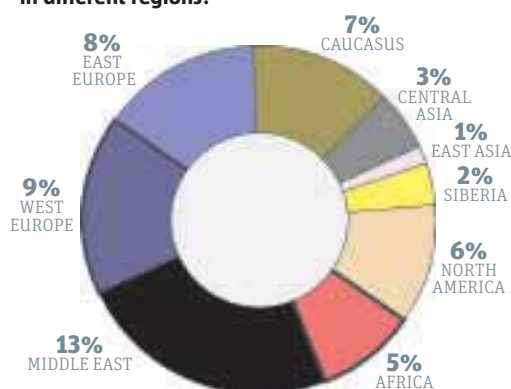
"I was born in a part of the world where there were people coming in from various empires over various time periods. It's a jambalaya of Arabs, Indians, Iranians, Mongolians and a plethora of other people. I always wanted to figure out what mix I came from."

years ago, the report adds.

Haplogroup J's most recent common ancestor likely made their homeland around the Levant, a coastal region in what is now Lebanon. The highest frequency of the haplogroup is found in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni belong to this haplogroup.

The J1 subclade accounts for almost 70 per cent of the total J population. The J1 subclade occurs throughout the European continent including Britain. The J2 subclade is 10,000 years older than subclade J1. The J2 subclade is more localized along the Mediterranean and especially the Balkan Peninsula. J2 population are actually quite diverse and range from the Mansi and other Ob River populations in Western Siberia (10 per cent of the J2 population) to populations of Northern Iran (five per cent of the J2 population), adds the report.

How frequently does the J haplogroup appear in different regions?



Where are they from? Distribution of major MtDNA haplogroups

What is a haplogroup?

- A haplogroup is a category that is used to group similar mtDNA profiles.
- These profiles have common mutations in their DNA that make them similar to each other but different to other haplogroups.
- Haplogroups are classified in capital letters and can have subgroups which are denoted with numbers. For example L1, L2, L3.

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New Zealand drought taking toll on farmers and economy



Farmer Peter Brown walks on the dry ground at his dairy farm near Ohinewai, New Zealand, on Monday. Inset, dry cracked land is shown near a water reservoir in Kiritahi. NEW ZEALAND HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unusual weather.
Some say it's a result of climate change

Dairy farmer John Rose has sent more than 100 of his cows to the slaughterhouse in recent weeks as a severe drought browned pastures in New Zealand's normally green North Island.

He said it was necessary to thin his herd so that his remaining 550 cows have enough to eat. He's supplementing their diet with ground palm kernel as the grass in his fields withers.

"We try and make sure they've got water and shade during the day and do the best we can for them," he said. "It's very hard to remember when the last rainfall was."

The drought is costing farmers millions of dollars each day and is beginning to take a toll on the country's economy. Parts of the North Island are drier than they've

More to come

James Renwick, a climate scientist at Victoria University of Wellington, said New Zealanders should expect more summers like the current one due to global warming.

- He said the dry subtropical weather that helps form deserts in places like Africa and Australia is expanding toward the world's poles.

been in 70 years and some scientists say the unusual weather could be a harbinger of climate change. There has been little significant rainfall in the northern and eastern parts of the country since October.

But some are finding the dry, sun-soaked days a boon. Vintners say the conditions are perfect for them. And city dwellers are revelling in eating lunch outdoors or spending evenings at the beach in a Southern Hemisphere sum-

mer that never seems to end.

Farmers estimate the drought has so far cost them about 1 billion New Zealand dollars (\$820 million) in lost export earnings with the damage rising daily as they reduce their herds, which in turn results in lower milk production.

Farming, and dairy farming in particular, drives the economy in the island nation of 4.5 million, and the drought is expected to shave about a percentage point off economic growth.

New Zealand's last significant drought was five years ago and also cost farmers billions of dollars.

Bruce Wills, president of farming association Federated Farmers, said North Island slaughterhouses are processing about 40 per cent more cows and sheep this year as farmers reduce their herds. The increased numbers and lighter weight of the animals has resulted in plummeting prices, he said.

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Environment. Polar bears could be turning brown

How polar bears got their white coat remains a scientific mystery, but newly published research suggests a way they could turn brown again.

One of the study's authors says that's what might eventually happen to some groups of modern bears as climate change alters their habitat.

Beth Shapiro, one of the authors of the study, said as climate change reduces sea ice and changes the habitat of some polar bears, they are starting to look more like their southern cousins.

"We've seen that polar bears are hybridizing with brown bears now, at the edge



Polar bears could lose their white coats. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

of their range in Canada.

"It means if we destroy all their habitat, and the only habitat that's left for polar bears looks like brown-bear habitat, then they're just going to hybridize with brown bears and turn into brown bears."

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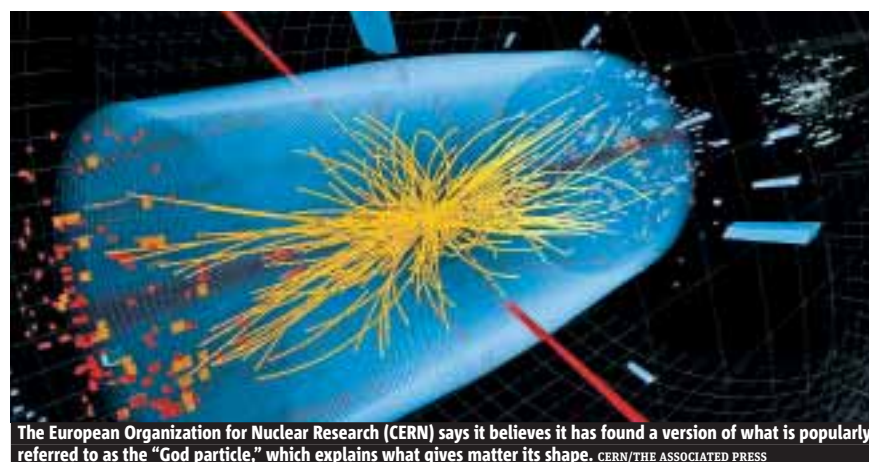
Physicists close to proving existence of 'God particle'

Building block of universe. Discovery would be contender for Nobel Prize

The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is considered a crucial building block of the universe.

Physicists said Thursday they believe they have discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives all matter in the universe size and shape.

The elusive particle, called a Higgs boson, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang. The particle was named for Peter Higgs, one of the physicists who proposed its existence, but it later be-



The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) says it believes it has found a version of what is popularly referred to as the "God particle," which explains what gives matter its shape. CERN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

came popularly known as the "God particle."

The discovery would be a strong contender for the Nobel Prize. Last July, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, announced finding a particle they described as

Higgs-like, but they stopped short of saying conclusively that it was the same particle or was some version of it.

Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data.

"The preliminary results with the full 2012 data set are

magnificent and to me it is clear that we are dealing with a Higgs boson, though we still have a long way to go to know what kind of Higgs boson it is," said Joe Incandella, a physicist who heads one of the two main teams at CERN.

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Missions to Mars

Europe, Russia sign space deal

The European Space Agency says it has signed an agreement with its Russian counterpart to work together toward two missions to Mars.

The partnership comes after NASA pulled out of the ExoMars program with ESA last year due to budget cuts.

ESA said in a statement on Thursday that it and Roscosmos aim to launch missions in 2016 and 2018 to try to establish whether life ever existed on Mars.

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Pope Francis puts humility on display

First day. The new Pope eschews the ceremonial trappings of his predecessor

Pope Francis put his humility on display during his first day as pontiff on Thursday, stopping by his hotel to pick up his luggage and pay the bill himself in a decidedly different style of papacy than his tradition-minded predecessor, who tended to stay ensconced in the frescoed halls of the Vatican.

The break from Benedict XVI's pontificate was evident even in Francis's wardrobe choices: He kept the simple iron pectoral cross of his days as bishop and eschewed the red cape that Benedict wore when he was presented to the world for the first time in

2005 — choosing instead the simple white cassock of the papacy.

And in his first mass as pope, Francis showed how different he would be as a pastor, giving an off-the-cuff homily about the need to walk with God, build up His church and confess — at one point referring to children building sandcastles on the beach.

It was a far simpler message than the dense, three-page discourse Benedict delivered in Latin during his first mass as pope in 2005.

The difference in style was a sign of Francis's belief that the Catholic Church needs to be at one with the people it serves and not impose its message on a society that often doesn't want to hear it, Francis's authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin, said in an interview on Thursday.

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What's in a face: Mexico-based facial-communication psychologist Miriam Cervantes Rodriguez analyzes the new pontiff's visage

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Eyebrows

Observer. Close to the eyes, which denotes that he keeps himself focused, with sustained attention. Very observant.

Eyelashes

Apprehensive. Small and thin. Indicate nervousness.

Ears

Analytical. Low, large and open: Key for decision-making that requires repeated analysis of information. Has a lot of physical energy.

Chin

Intense. Shows its intensity to achieve objectives; does not cave to pressure and can be aggressive if necessary.

Frontal sinuses

Innovative. Shows rich imagination, ingenuity and initiative. Creative, active, selective and, in general, of optimistic nature.

Irises

Emotional. Wide, a lot of expression in the eyes, which signifies an openness to emotional exchange.

Mouth

Discreet. Large with thin lips. Denotes the gift of the word, great charisma and discretion when talking about personal matters.

Jawline

Strong. Large and reflects that the Pope is faithful to his principles and tends not to bend his attitude to new ideas.



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Cambodian military officials line up by pictures of the top Khmer Rouge leaders that include, on the far right, former Foreign Minister Ieng Sary, during a UN-backed war crimes tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2011. HENG SINITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Khmer Rouge co-founder dies

War crimes. Former foreign minister of brutal regime was facing charges of genocide

Unfinished business

"This trial was held 30 years too late."

Elizabeth Becker, author of *When the War Was Over*, a history of modern Cambodia

Ieng Sary, who co-founded the communist Khmer Rouge regime responsible for the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians in the 1970s, and who decades later became one of its few leaders to be put on trial, died Thursday before his case could be finished. He was 87.

Sary was the brother-in-law of late Khmer Rouge leader Pol

Pot. His death dashed hopes that he would be punished for his alleged crimes during the darkest chapter in his country's history.

Chea Leang, a co-prosecutor at the Cambodian-international tribunal that had been trying Sary, said he died of cardiac failure. The trial began in late 2011 with four defendants and now

has only two.

Ieng Sary had suffered from high blood pressure and heart problems and had been admitted to a Phnom Penh hospital on March 4 with weakness and severe fatigue.

Ieng Sary founded the Khmer Rouge with Pol Pot. The regime, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, claimed it was building a pure socialist society by evicting people from cities to work in labour camps in the countryside. Its radical policies led to the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people from starvation, disease, overwork and execution.

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Syrian civil war

Assad preparing to use chemical weapons: Source

Israel's military intelligence chief says Syria's embattled president, Bashar al-Assad, is preparing to use chemical weapons.

Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi told a security conference in the coastal town of Herzliya that Assad is stepping up his offensive against rebels trying to oust him.

He claims Assad is preparing to use chemical weapons, but has not given the order to deploy them. He did not disclose information on why he thinks this.

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Bin Laden raid. Pakistani health workers accused of CIA collusion reinstated

A Pakistani court Thursday reinstated 17 health workers who were fired last year for allegedly participating in a CIA scheme to confirm the presence of Osama bin Laden in a town in northwest Pakistan, a defence lawyer said.

Lawyer Javed Awan said the court order affected 16 females and one male whom a government health department suspended last year for failing to inform authorities about Pakistani doctor Shakil Afridi's fake vaccination campaign. The health workers insist they did not know Afridi was work-

ing for the CIA.

The campaign aimed to collect blood samples from bin Laden's family to show that the al-Qaida leader was in the northern town of Abbottabad, where he was later killed in a U.S. raid in May 2011. Pakistan strongly protested the raid, considering it a violation of the country's sovereignty.

Awan said the 17 had been directed by senior health officials to participate in the vaccination campaign, and that they were innocent of wrongdoing.

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NFL urged to look into alleged sexual orientation queries

N.Y. attorney general speaks out. NFL spokesperson says discrimination is not tolerated in the league

New York state's top legal official asked the NFL on Tuesday to investigate whether potential players were improperly asked about their sexual orientation during the league's annual skills exhibition for incoming college players, which he said is illegal in New York.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman asked National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell to schedule a meeting on the matter.

"We ask that the league immediately issue a statement that any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation by league teams or players against potential recruits or players constitutes a violation of state, local and, in some cases, contractor law and will not be tolerated," Schneiderman said in a letter dated Thursday and released to news organizations.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was already looking into the issue and would discuss it at its meeting next week in Phoenix.

"Like all employers, our teams are expected to follow applicable federal, state and local employment



The NFL says that questions about a prospective player's sexual orientation are contrary to the league's policy and violate the player's rights. GETTY IMAGES FILE

laws," the NFL said in a Feb. 27 statement. "It is league policy to neither consider nor inquire about sexual orientation in the hiring process. In addition, there

are specific protections in our collective bargaining agreement with the players that prohibit discrimination against any player, including on the basis of sexual

'Do you have a girlfriend?'

"(Teams) ask you, like, 'Do you have a girlfriend?' 'Are you married?' 'Do you like girls?'" Colorado tight end Nick Kasa said last month during an ESPN Radio interview.

- Since then, Michigan's Denard Robinson and Michigan State's Le'Veon Bell have both said that they were asked similar questions.

orientation."

It concluded: "Any team or employee that inquires about impermissible subjects or makes an employment decision based on such factors is subject to league discipline."

Schneiderman reminded Goodell that discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal in New York and in at least 23 other states where the NFL's 32 teams are based.

In February, DeMaurice Smith, the head of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement that "I know that the NFL agrees that these types of questions violate the law, our CBA and player rights."

There has never been an openly gay player in any of North America's major pro sports leagues, though a few athletes have come out after retirement.

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U.S. School gunman was interested in other mass murders: Source

The young man who killed 26 people at a Connecticut school last year showed interest in other mass killings, people close to the investigation told The Associated Press.

The 20-year-old gunman, Adam Lanza, killed his mother at their home before killing 20 children and six staff members on Dec. 14. He killed himself as police arrived.

Authorities found literature on other mass shootings at Lanza's house, according to a law-enforcement official briefed on the investigation. Another person familiar with the investigation said Lanza showed an interest in other mass murders. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing.

The shootings revived the gun-control debate in the U.S. and led to proposals for universal background checks on gun buyers and bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines. It also prompted reviews of school security and mental-health care.



This file photo shows angels along the roadside on the first day of classes for Sandy Hook students since the shooting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Police have declined to comment, and authorities have not provided a possible motive for the Connecticut shooting. A police report is expected sometime in June.

The Hartford Courant and the Hearst Connecticut Media Group first reported Wednesday that Lanza had done research on other mass killings.

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Florida

Unpopular driving law repealed

Legislators in Florida have approved a bill repealing a law from last year that requires foreigners visiting the state to have international driving permits.

The bill passed unanimously in the Florida House on Wednesday and now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to

pass as well.

Under the law that quietly took effect in January, foreign drivers who didn't have the \$25 permit that translates licence information into English could have been charged with driving without a licence.

But since the law prompted a flurry of indignant reaction in mid-February, much of it from Canadians, the state highway department learned that the permit requirement violated an international driving treaty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Senate

Assault-weapons ban likely to get kiboshed

A U.S. Senate committee approved an assault-weapons ban Thursday but the proposal is likely to fail in the full Senate. The ban also stands little chance in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

The Democrat-led

Judiciary Committee approved the ban on a 10-8 vote with all Republicans against it.

The United States has the highest number of gun owners in the world. The assault-weapons ban is one of the most controversial of the gun restrictions being considered in Congress. Its foes say law-abiding citizens should not lose their constitutional right to own the weapons, which they say are popular for self-defence, hunting and collecting.

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B.C. government misused resources, staff: Review

Liberals. The plan to win the ethnic vote in this May's election was leaked this month and has forced Clark to apologize several times

The line between working for the B.C. government and the provincial Liberal party was clearly crossed in an effort to win ethnic votes in the upcoming provincial election, said a report released Thursday.

The review conducted by Premier Christy Clark's deputy minister found "serious" misuse of government resources.

The damning report by John Dyble comes on the final day of the legislative session and two months before the provincial election.

It found that former Liberal government communications official Brian Bonney worked for both the government caucus and the Liberal party while he was being paid



B.C. Premier Christy Clark speaks to media following the release of a report by Deputy Premier John Dyble in Victoria on Thursday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

as a government employee.

Dyble said at least half of Bonney's time was spent doing work for the Liberal party on the ethnic-outreach strategy.

"Brian Bonney did not create a clear distinction between

his volunteer role with the B.C. Liberal Party and his role in the government," said the report. "Based on evidence, it would appear to a reasonable person that he may have spent up to half of his time on partisan activities. This ...

amounts to a serious breach of the standards of conduct."

Bonney no longer works for the government, but Finance Ministry officials said he was paid \$124,000 during the period from October 2011 to Feb. 21, 2013. Clark

met with the media after the report's release and said the B.C. Liberal Party has written a \$70,000 cheque to the government to repay some of the work Bonney did on government time.

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Fired zookeeper wants his job back

Fired for leaving unlatched a door that allowed gorillas to gain entrance to an off-limits kitchen area, a former keeper with the Calgary Zoo says he plans to appeal to get his job back.

Garth Irvine had been in his role at the zoo for nearly 25 years, but last Friday morning he encountered a situation unlike any before.

Irvine entered a staff kitchen area next to the gorilla enclosure to find three female apes inside. He claims he moved quickly to usher them out of the area but in the process startled a roughly 455-pound silverback named Kakinga.

"He charged ... he pinned me down, he gave me a small bite, he flipped me over and dragged me about six feet and then he ran away," Irvine told Metro in an exclusive interview.

Irvine then managed to radio for help. He estimates the situation was resolved in less



Garth Irvine METRO FILE

than seven minutes.

But the zoo announced this week it was firing Irvine, who had also previously taken responsibility for leaving a knife inside the enclosure in 2009 that was then picked up by a gorilla. A photo of the primate holding the knife near a fellow enclosure mate garnered international headlines, but a report by the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums later cleared the zoo of any wrongdoing.

Then, in 2010, Irvine also

took the blame for an incident that saw two giant snakes slither down an uncovered drain. The pair were missing for nearly 24 hours.

Still, Irvine told Metro Thursday that in an environment with so many moving parts, mishaps are bound to happen. "I would say absolutely everyone does make mistakes."

And that's why Irvine said he is planning to kick-start an appeal process that would first see the incident reviewed by the zoo's director of animal care, then the CEO, and finally the City of Calgary's parks department.

But spokesperson Trish Exton-Parder said Thursday the zoo had not received any notification of an appeal to date.

Irvine said he's also exploring other opportunities, including a possible career as a public speaker. He is scheduled to give a recap of some of his favourite memories of working with gorillas in a public-speaker series.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Index. Canada out of top 10 most-developed countries

Canada has slipped out of the top 10 countries listed in the annual United Nations human-development index — a far cry from the 1990s, when it held first place for most of the decade.

The 2013 report, which reviews a country's performance in health, education and income, places Canada in 11th place versus 10th last year.

A closer look shows Canada actually did better than last year, but other countries such as Japan and Australia improved at a greater rate.

When the numbers are ad-

justed for gender inequality, Canada slumps to 18th place. The U.S. fares even worse — sinking from third to 42nd place.

But the main finding of the report, entitled *The Rise of the South*, is positive. It says countries that had previously struggled with poverty and inequality are now on a steady developmental climb.

Even the countries at the bottom of the list, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are among those who showed the greatest improvement.

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Canada is in 11th place on the UN's development index. The Rise of the South report has better news, though, for developing countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

'Hug-a-thug'

Alta.'s Opposition offers mock 'no-prosecution' coupons

Alberta's justice minister is demanding an apology from the Opposition Wildrose for distributing mock coupons promising one free crime without prosecution.

Jonathan Denis says the coupons are childish.

Included are instructions to present the coupon upon arrest. They are meant to satirize the government's plan to divert first-time offenders of petty crimes to alternative programs instead of the courts.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peter Penashue

Minister resigns over 2011 donations

Conservative cabinet minister Peter Penashue has resigned his seat in the House of Commons and says he'll run again in Labrador in an effort to clear the air over election-funding irregularities. He says an "inexperienced volunteer" — his official agent — was responsible for accepting illegal donations during the 2011 election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

My health or no health

Disgruntled senior allegedly makes bomb threat

The RCMP allege an elderly woman called a bomb threat in to a health centre in Penticton, B.C., because she was angry her appointment had been changed.

Police say she called the centre Thursday morning and falsely claimed there was a bomb set to go off inside. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CKFR

Quebec

SNC-Lavalin gave illegal contributions

Canada's largest engineering company has admitted it participated in illegal political financing. A vice-president at SNC-Lavalin testified Thursday at Quebec's corruption inquiry, saying dozens of execs, and sometimes spouses, donated just over \$1 million to the Quebec Liberal party and the Parti Québécois from 1998 to 2010.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge refuses to let convict be killed by the state

Oregon. Death-penalty opponent regretted letting two other inmates be executed

A power struggle between a death-row inmate who wants to be executed and a governor who refuses to let it happen reached Oregon state's highest court Thursday as lawyers sparred over the governor's power.

The lawyer for a man convicted of two murders argued that Gov. John Kitzhaber lacks authority to delay Gary Haugen's execution without the inmate's consent.

Kitzhaber, a death-penalty opponent, regretted letting

two other inmates be put to death and said he won't allow it to happen again. He blocked Haugen's execution in 2011, two weeks before Haugen was scheduled to die by lethal injection, delaying the sentence until the governor leaves office.

Haugen's lawyer, Harrison Latto, said the Oregon state constitution allows the death penalty and that trumps the moral views of the governor.

The governor argued that his clemency power is absolute, and nobody — certainly not an inmate on death row — can prevent him from doing what he believes to be in the state's best interest.

Oregon's justices will likely rule on Haugen's case by the end of the year.

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Fountain turns into ice sculpture as late storm hits Europe

A man passes a frozen fountain in Duisburg, Germany, on Thursday. Western Europe was hit by late-winter snowstorms, causing schools to close, leaving cars stranded and closing airports. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fast-food nation. Child ate a used condom at U.S. McDonald's: Lawsuit

A lawsuit against McDonald's alleges a child ate a used condom he found in the play area of one of the chain's Chicago restaurants.

The suit was filed Wednesday on behalf of Anishi Spencer and her two sons, who were three and two years old at the time of the alleged incident in February 2012.

The mother alleges the two-year-old coughed up a piece of the condom and that both children required medical treatment. The suit accuses McDonald's of failing to remove harmful debris from an



area used by children.

McDonald's said Thursday that "providing a safe, clean environment is a top priority."

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Olympic regatta

Tonnes of dead fish found in Rio river

Rio de Janeiro's environmental authorities say the amount of dead fish removed from a lake where the Olympic regatta will be held in 2016 stands at more than 60 tonnes.

Rio's municipal department of the environment says in a Thursday statement that since Monday the 65

tonnes of dead fish have been removed from the Rodrigo de Freitas lake. The lake located in the heart of the city is among the area's many tourist attractions.

The department says that a rainstorm this week washed organic matter into the lake, leading to the big die-off of the fish.

It says the situation is improving and that no dead fish were pulled out of the lake on Thursday.

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Looser travel restrictions. TSA still OK with small knives on airplanes

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Other items the policy will now allow passengers to include in their carry-on:

- Novelty-size baseball bats less than 61 centimetres long, toy plastic bats, billiard cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and two golf clubs.
- Box cutters, razor blades and other such items are still prohibited.

The head of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration told lawmakers Thursday he stands by his plan to allow passengers to carry small knives onto planes despite a growing backlash against the proposal.

It's unlikely in these days of hardened cockpit doors and other preventative measures that the small folding knives could be used by terrorists to take over a plane, TSA administrator John Pistole told a hearing of the House Homeland Security Committee.

On the other hand, searching for the knives on passengers or in their carry-on bags is time-consuming, Pistole said. TSA screeners confiscate about 2,000 such knives every day, with each incident chewing up about two to three minutes, he said.

"I think the decision is solid and it stands and we plan to move forward," Pistole said.

The policy, which goes into effect on April 25, has sparked strong opposition from flight attendants, federal air marshals, some pilot unions, aviation insurers and

even some airline CEOs. In the hands of the wrong passengers, the knives present an unnecessary safety risk to flight attendants and other passengers, critics say.

Several airline CEOs have also expressed qualms. Delta Air Lines chief executive Richard Anderson said in a letter to Pistole last week that he shares the "legitimate concerns" of the airline's flight attendants. US Airways chief Doug Parker asked the TSA administrator to reconsider his position.

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Samsung turns up the heat with new iPhone challenger

Smartphone wars.

Galaxy S4 boasts larger screen and new ways to interact with device

Samsung Electronics is ratcheting up its rivalry with Apple with its new Galaxy S4 smartphone, which has a larger, sharper screen than its predecessor, the bestselling S III.

Samsung trumpeted the much-anticipated phone's arrival Thursday at an event in New York City accompanied by a live orchestra, while an audience of thousands watched the theatrics unfold on a four-level stage.

Summoning up a touch of Broadway, Samsung employed 17 actors to demonstrate the new phone's features in a series of scripted vignettes.

The Galaxy S4, which crams a five-inch screen into a body slightly smaller than the S III's, will go sale in the U.S. sometime between the end of April and the end of June.

All told, Samsung plans to offer the Galaxy S4 through 327 carriers in 155 countries, giving it a wider reach than Apple's iPhone 5.

Samsung didn't say what the phone will cost. JK Shin, the executive in charge of Samsung's mobile communications division, promised the money would be well spent for a "life companion" that will "improve the way most people live every day."

That bold promise set the tone for the kind of flashy presentation associated with the showmanship of Apple, the company that Samsung has been trying to upstage.

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People interact with the new Samsung Galaxy S4 on Thursday after it was revealed at an event in New York City. ALLISON JOYCE/GETTY IMAGES

Galaxy S4 features

While the S4 doesn't have eye tracking, as rumoured, it does have the following:

- A five-inch screen, an upgraded processor, and a battery 20 per cent larger than the S III's. Samsung didn't say if that translates into a longer battery life.
- Several new technologies to help users interact with the phone. For instance, the screen now senses fingers hovering just above it, and some applications react.
- Users can control some other applications by making gestures in the air above the phone. In the browser, you can command the screen to scroll up by swiping from top to bottom a few inches from the phone.
- The camera application can now use both the front and rear cameras simultaneously, inserting a small picture of the user even as she's capturing the scene in front of her.

March 21. Federal budget will hold line on restraint

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will deliver the federal budget on March 21, a plan that is expected to be an exercise in restraint as the minister remains focused on his goal of balancing the books by 2015.

Coming at a time of anemic economic growth, the budget is likely to stay the course of fiscal restraint, without any goodies.

But Flaherty downplayed the slower-than-expected economic growth Thursday as he announced the budget date. "It's an interim concern, it's

not a long-term concern in terms of real GDP growth and, as you know, our target is to balance the budget in 2015," the minister said. "We remain on target and I look forward to answering many more questions next Thursday after the budget."

Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of just 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2012, suggesting the economy stalled in the second half of last year and fell short of many predictions.

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PKP steps aside as Quebecor CEO



Pierre Karl Péladeau, known as PKP, will no longer be CEO of media giant Quebecor Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The high profile and sometimes controversial CEO of Quebecor Inc. is stepping down to have more personal time, but Pierre Karl Péladeau will still have influence over his company's corporate strategy.

Péladeau, known by his nickname PKP in French and English, will remain as chairman of one of its main subsidiaries, Quebecor Media. That division includes newspapers hit by weak advertising and recent layoffs and will require some of his attention to improve it.

Péladeau said he will pro-

Quoted

"Because one cannot be a part-time CEO, I have decided to retire from this position and devote my life to other pursuits."

Outgoing Quebecor Inc. CEO Pierre Karl Péladeau, speaking on a conference call after the company released its quarterly results Thursday.

vide advice and leadership on strategic projects "vital" to the media and telecom company, but also cited family and philanthropy as reasons for stepping down.

His executive duties will be taken over by Robert Dépatie, who has been president and CEO of Quebecor's cash-gen-

erating Videotron cable and Internet service since 2003.

Becoming more involved with philanthropic activities is something his late father would support, Péladeau said.

"My dad used to say when you receive so much in life, you must give back even more." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Free trade negotiations

Harper, Ayrault tout progress on Canada-EU deal

"Considerable progress" has been made towards a free-trade deal between Canada and the EU, but there are still outstanding issues that must be settled before an agreement can be finalized, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday during a visit to Ottawa by French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Going after Big Tobacco

Court reapproves landmark ruling on smoking lawsuits

The Florida Supreme Court has decided not to upset its own 1996 landmark "Engle" decision that makes it easier for thousands of sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies. The court reapproved the decision as it affirmed a \$2.5-million US jury verdict in the death of smoker Charlotte Douglas.

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UK media scandal

Cameron pushes own plan for press regulation

British Prime Minister David Cameron says he'll champion self-regulation for Britain's scandal-tainted press, bucking a key recommendation of his own media inquiry and setting up what might be a bruising confrontation with coalition colleagues. "I've chosen a practical solution over an unworkable solution," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BP-spill trial

Halliburton finds cement samples that weren't given to U.S. authorities

BP's cement contractor on the Deepwater Horizon rig has discovered cement samples possibly tied to the ill-fated drilling project that weren't turned over to the Justice Department after the 2010 oil spill, a lawyer for the contractor said Thursday.

Halliburton lawyer Donald Godwin told U.S. District

Judge Carl Barbier that the company believes the material found Wednesday at its laboratory in Lafayette has no bearing on the ongoing trial to assign responsibility for the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

But a plaintiffs' attorney, Jeffrey Breit, countered that the samples are cement a Halliburton employee used for testing of BP PLC's Macondo well before the disaster. The blowout and explosion on April 20, 2010, killed 11 workers and led to the enormous spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

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COMPANY TATTOOED ON HIS SKIN

1 Stompin' Tom memorial. The likes of Sylvia Tyson, Dave Bidini, Adrienne Clarkson and Ken Dryden gave a farewell to remember at his public memorial Wednesday at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont., the city in which Connors received his Stompin' Tom moniker in 1967 during a King George Tavern gig. I was at the touching memorial, and it was one of those special patriotic nights I'll never forget.

2 New Pope = Twitter frenzy. Twitter went nuts Wednesday when white smoke billowed above the Vatican and Pope Francis was revealed. About 130 million tweets were sent after the announcement was made. Even the official papal twitter account, @pontifex, was reactivated that day, and the account has nearly two million followers.

3 Bachelor finale. It was the most dramatic Bachelor finale yet — or wait, it always is. Anyway, Sean was hot for teacher Lindsay but his heart was with Catherine, who accepted his proposal. The Bachelor has a spotty romantic track record, but this will work. It's the law of averages. Plus Sean and Catherine have decid-



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ed to marry on TV. They can't let millions of viewers wearing rose-coloured glasses down.

4 Dare to Wear Gala. This charity fashion runway event by Toronto designers/couple Chris Tyrell and Jim Searle raises money in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its fight against AIDS in Africa. It takes place March 22 and is the highlight of the Dare to Wear Love campaign and Toronto Fashion Week. Learn more at daretowearlove.com.

5 @Stats_Canada: The book. One of my fave parody Twitter accounts, @Stats_Canada, which tweets out awesome stats about Canada that aren't real but could be — e.g., "78% of Canadians are angry with someone, but will never show it" — is being adapted into a book. Stats

Canada: Statire on a National Scale, by its anonymous creators, is out this fall. Ninety-one percent of Canadians will buy it.

6 Small-town love/hate. The Twitter account @smalltownprobs about life in a small town is a gem, with tweets like "You drove a tractor pretty much before you could walk," "You run into your parents while skipping class" and "People don't use turn signals

cause you know where they're going." And it's becoming a big-city hit, with 100,000-plus followers.

7 Roll Up the Rim. I always love this Tim Hortons promo, and for this campaign and all future ones they do, I decided that instead of using the winning coffee and doughnuts for myself, I can do better. All coffee and doughnuts I win will go to the homeless. So far, I've won four. Winning has never felt better.

8 Real Hipsters of Vancouver. A casting call has gone out for a pilot episode for a reality show called Real Hipsters of Vancouver. Its creators envision showing that hipsters aren't just slackers wearing plaid and drinking bad beer, but are ambitious, creative people wearing plaid and drinking bad beer while following a dream.

9 Netflixed. A man shared his love for the video-streaming service by getting a Netflix tattoo in honour of it. When he tweeted his tat to them, the company responded by giving the guy a free year of service. I'm going to get a logo of every company I'm paying bills to tattooed on my skin, tweet them pictures of it and see how much I can save.

10 St. Patrick's Day. It's St. Paddy's Day this Sunday. Have a great one.

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Observatory makes galactic find



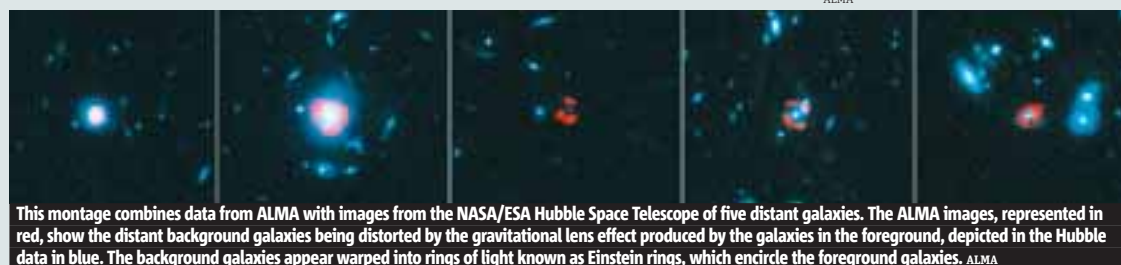
ALMA

Stars found to be older than once thought

The world's most powerful telescope (pictured at left) unveiled this week has already made its first discovery: Galaxies as bright as 40 trillion suns. The stars, seen by the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) in Chile, started some 12.7 billion years ago when the universe was only one billion years old.

Experts already know that starbursts — bright periods of fast star creation — were more common in the early universe than today. But these groundbreaking images taken at an altitude of 5,000 metres on the remote Chajnantor Plateau in the Chilean Andes reveal that stellar birth occurred a full billion years earlier in the universe than previously thought.

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This montage combines data from ALMA with images from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope of five distant galaxies. The ALMA images, represented in red, show the distant background galaxies being distorted by the gravitational lens effect produced by the galaxies in the foreground, depicted in the Hubble data in blue. The background galaxies appear warped into rings of light known as Einstein rings, which encircle the foreground galaxies. ALMA

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Bandcamp is an online store where fans can buy music directly from the artist, with the added bonus of allowing us to preview entire albums. It's a great model that has lured plenty of artists to set up shop there, including these Canadians:



Sean Nicolas Savage

This Montreal artist has a fairly robust selection of six albums to choose from, but none quite as dreamy as *Flamingo*. A light-as-a-feather collection of whispered ballads tailor-made for quiet mornings.

White Lung

The tags on White Lung's page may be a bit intimidating, but there's nothing to fear if you happen to be a fan of slithering guitars, pummelled drums and an irresistible frontwoman.

Bear Mountain

A sample-heavy dance party from Vancouver best enjoyed with a great pair of headphones and a sunny-day stroll.

Letters

Best and worst of St. Paddy's Day

Like any kid who grew up in a predominantly Irish home, I was dragged to Irish dance classes and forced to wear a green ribbon in my curly locks. Make no mistake, I'm Irish.

Although I've always been proud of my heritage, I've only grudgingly endured the annual celebratory displays of it, cringing at the way every year "Irish" becomes simultaneously synonymous with "adorable wee folk" and "public urination." Pot o' gold! Always after me Lucky Charms! Blah Blah blarney!

Because I love my family and I love my identity, in a way that has nothing to do with shamrock shakes and green beer or great throngs of people celebrating intoxication and cereal-box leprechauns. And I'm Irish enough to know that stupid stereotypes can Pog Mo Thoin!

According to legend, St. Patrick banished snakes from the rock and used a shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. Maybe he can do something about the commercialization.

Anyway, Erin go braugh to ya.

Lisa Perry, Victoria, B.C.

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2 SCENE

Synopsis

For years Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi) ruled the Las Vegas strip with a magic show that made Siegfried & Roy look understated. But their dominance of Sin City's showrooms disappears when a David Blaine type, guerrilla street magician Steve Gray (Jim Carrey) starts a turf war in town. His daring act makes the glitter and glitz of their show look well past its sell-by date. To stay relevant Wonderstone and Marvelton stage their own daring stunt, which just may be their grand finale.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. A stellar cast and some funny moments aren't enough to keep an audience spellbound

Richard: Mark, I kept waiting for The Incredible Burt Wonderstone to pull a rabbit out of its hat and get really funny, and yet the rabbit never appeared. I fail to see how Jim Carrey, Steve Carrell, Steve Buscemi and Alan Arkin can share a marquee and have the movie fall so flat. Each has a potentially great comedic character and the premise should have been ripe for parody, but instead we get an only occasionally amusing movie.

Was it a magical experience for you?

Mark: Actually, Richard, I smiled right through the movie, which I didn't expect because like all comedians, I hate magic. And I think the shots taken at both the overblown, wheezy Vegas magic productions, and the new, punk, Jackass-style magic were both very funny. The satire worked for me, the sentimentality less so. There are a lot of good showbiz jokes along the way, and I thought Jim Carrey was perfectly cast as the anything-for-a-thrill Chris Angel type. Richard, what did you think of Carrey?

RC: He was the highlight for me. No one plays controlled chaos like Carrey and I thought his increasingly self-

aggrandizing behaviour was the best thing in the movie. It was Carrell that let me down. He's too likable an actor to pull off Wonderstone's egotistical, one-note womanizing act. The fake tan and mullet do some of the work, but it never feels real, and even less so when he falls into Woody Allen territory during his romantic redemption with a love interest 23 years younger. On top of that his gearshift down from narcissist to nice guy doesn't come off as anything but generic and predictable. Nothing magical about it.

MB: Absolutely right. And I felt the same way about Steve Buscemi. Olivia Wilde is just the affordable Megan Fox. But isn't it amazing how Alan Arkin can steal EVERY scene in EVERY movie he's in?

RC: I thought Buscemi and Wilde weren't really given enough to do to make any lasting impression. They play decent, nice people and in a movie like this, featuring raging egotists and insane illusionists, nice guys and gals do finish last. Arkin isn't given much to do either, although he does have a nice gag or two, but at least he remembered to pack his trademarked deadpan delivery in his bag of tricks.

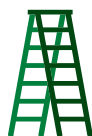
MB: I didn't like the way the movie romanticized rootsy card tricks and sleight of hand as somehow more morally authentic than the glitzy Vegas magic. But I was still entertained enough to enjoy large parts of the movie, mostly in the first half.



Steve Carrell, Steve Buscemi and Olivia Wilde star in The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. HANDOUT

Where's the magic?

Sharability



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hard

Thriller



The Call

Director. Brad Anderson

Stars. Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin, Michael Eklund

When Casey comes to in the trunk of a car, the frantic teen (played by the terrific Abigail Breslin) does what most would — she calls 9-1-1. The call is the beginning of an intense cat-and-mouse game as dispatcher Jordan (Berry) tries to track Casey's abductor and save the girl's life. The film builds in intensity, as every passing moment could be Casey's last. But, like many Hollywood thrillers, the film will lose its captive audience when it ventures from the acceptable to the ridiculously far-fetched. **REGAN REID**

Documentary



West of Memphis

Director. Amy Berg

Stars. Jason Baldwin, Damien Echols, Jessie Misskelley

The bulk of the movie is comprised of the 17-year fight to prove the innocence of the West Memphis Three, three teens convicted on dubious evidence in 1994 of the murder of three young boys. But compelling though the story may be, the Alford Plea that earned them release from prison on the proviso they plead guilty feels like justice, once again, was not served. West of Memphis is interesting, but ultimately unsatisfying. **RICHARD CROUSE**

No Arkin magic

"See, I don't give a damn anymore ... I'm going to die soon. It doesn't matter. I say anything that comes.

"The magician came over to me on the first day and said we have to work. I said get away from me. Don't get anywhere near me. I said for me to learn what I'm supposed to do in this movie would have taken me four years. I said it's not going to happen. Just keep away from me. I said they'll do it in CGI and that's enough."

Alan Arkin on why he refused to learn any magic tricks for his role as an elderly magician in the new film *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*.
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21 and Over (14A) Fri 5:30-7:50 10:10 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:10 5:30-7:50 10:10 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:10
The Call (14A) Fri 5:55-8:20 10:45 Sat

1:05-3:30 5:55-8:20 10:45 Sun 2:50-5:20 8-10:20 Mon-Thu 8-10:25
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Sat 11-12:10 Sun 12:10
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Ferocious (14A) Fri 4:40-7:15 9:50 Sat 12-2:20 4:40-7:15 9:50 Sun 12-2:20 4:40-7:15 9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
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Madoka Magica Part 2: Eternal (STC) Wed 7:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Francesca da Rimini Live (STC) Sat 10
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Safe Haven (PG) Fri 4:25-7:25 10:20 Sat 1:35-4:25 7:25-10:20 Sun 1:35-4:25 7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7-10:05

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Roxy Theatre 320 20th St West

The Big Lebowski (14A) Sat 9:30
A Dark Truth (STC) Fri 9:45 Sat-Sun 4-9:45 Mon-Thu 9:45
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Argo (PG) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:40
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The Last Exorcism Part II (14A) Fri-Thu 4:25-10
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Thu 1-6:45
Les Misérables (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-6:40
Parental Guidance (G) Fri 1:55-7:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55 7:10 Mon-Thu 1:55-7:10
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:40-4:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:40 4:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:10
Stand Up Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-9:55
This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
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Bubl  has much bigger fish to fry

Michael Bubl  has sold millions of albums, but as he readies the release of his newest project, he's less concerned with his future sales, thanks to his wife's pregnancy.

"I'm nervous and excited, and truly I think it's given me great perspective," the singer said at the music video shoot for his new single, It's a Beautiful Day.

"I used to worry about how the single would do and how the record would sell. And the truth is, I love this record. I'm so proud of it. But, at the end of the day, if it sells 10 million or 10 copies, I've got bigger fish to fry," he continued. "I've got a wife and a kid I love very much."

Bubl  married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in 2011. They



Michael Bubl  has a new baby and a new album on the way.
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announced in January they're expecting their first child.

Most of Bubl 's albums have reached multi-platinum status, and his last three releases have hit number one on the Billboard 200

albums chart, including the triple platinum Christmas, the second bestselling album of 2011 behind Adele's 21.

His new album, To Be Loved, will be released April 23. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Proto-punks to proto-supergroup to ... protozoa?



SOUND CHECK
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Iggy Pop, Sound City Players and Marine Bugs are highlighted in this week's Sound Check



Burn/Iggy and the Stooges

They were making punk rock a decade before anyone knew what to call it. The surviving Stooges return in April with just their fifth album in 46 years.



Mantra/Sound City Players

One of my favourite parts of Dave Grohl's Sound City documentary was watching him, Josh Homme and Trent Reznor write a song together in the studio. This is the final result.



Blues for Elle/Some little marine microbes

They've dubbed the sound "microbial bebop." It's surprisingly like modern jazz.

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A tale of two Snoops: he'll always be a Dogg deep down, even as a Lion

Reincarnated. Hip hop star talks about why he put down the Dogg and responds to critics who say the move is just a gimmick

Snoop Lion won't fire back at critics who say his backing of the Rastafari movement is simply another gimmick from one of hip hop's savviest self-marketers. But Snoop Dogg will.

Reggae pioneer Bunny Wailer is the most notable skeptic. Wailer bestowed the Lion name on Snoop, but has since repeatedly questioned the 41-year-old rapper's intentions and commitment to Rasta ideology.

Asked to respond, Snoop's face registered a flash of malice followed by a devilish smile: "If I was Snoop Dogg: 'Expletive) Bunny Wailer.'



Snoop Lion poses for a portrait at the Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles. JORDAN STRAUSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But I'm Snoop Lion right now, so I'm chilling," he said.

He is using the name to release a reggae- and dancehall-focused album, Reincarnated. Produced by Major Lazer — which includes DJ-producer Diplo — it features guests ranging from

Chris Brown and Drake to Jamaica's Mr. Vegas and Mavado.

While promoting an accompanying documentary that tracks his trip to Jamaica and exploration of Rasta culture, Snoop makes it clear that his Lion persona

is less a drastic transformation than part of ongoing personal growth.

With his film in limited release this week and his album due out April 23, the performer talked about his identity issues, his effort to stay positive and religion.

Evolution — Snoop-style

"To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career."

Snoop Lion
On why he dropped the Dogg.

What does Snoop Lion mean to you? In the movie we see Bunny Wailer give you the name because he said he didn't want to call you a dog. That was his take on it.

I don't know what that take was because I'm going to always be Snoop Dogg. I can't throw that person away and get rid of him. To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career, the next phase of my life.

In interviews since the film was made, Bunny has been

skeptical of you. What's your take on his criticism?

I've done nothing but what I said I was going to do: go to Jamaica, make a great record, intertwine with some people, build on some relationships and come back and bring something back to the community.

What has been religion's place in your life up until now — and how does Rastafari fit in?

As a kid, I was pushed into the Baptist church, taught that way. As an adult, I was able to seek out information on my own to find out that the Muslim religion, Rastafari, Baptist, Christian — that they all the same. They all God-fearing people and love is love. ... It's more based on life and a way of life and liberty as opposed to religion. Because religion is so false, because it's so past tense and written by someone who is not here.

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Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Paltrow struggling to get family on gluten-free diet

Gwyneth Paltrow is discovering that getting her family on a new low-carb, gluten-free diet isn't exactly a painless endeavor.

"Sometimes when my family is not eating pasta, bread or processed grains like white rice, we're left with that specific hunger that comes with avoiding carbs," she says in her new

cookbook.

But the pain is worth it, she insists.

"Every single nutritionist, doctor and health-conscious person I have ever come across ... seems to concur that (gluten) is tough on the system and many of us are at best intolerant of it and at worst allergic to it," she writes.



Geri Halliwell

Geri Halliwell tries being one of the people

Terrible London traffic has driven Spice Girl Geri Halliwell underground, as the singer ventured onto public transportation for the first time in nearly two decades this week.

"Forgive me for being a brat," she tweeted about the experience.

"After 17 years and yesterday's two hours of traffic, let's save time and money — the tube!"

Halliwell also posted photos of herself on the platform and train.

Her final judgment on the experience?

"Not so bad!"

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Miley's hard partying ways find her back on market?

Quote

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over"

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Speaking to New York Post

The breakup rumours about Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are reaching a fever pitch, with the New York Post claiming that the couple's engagement is officially off.

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over," a source tells the newspaper.

"She likes to party really hard and can be pretty

wild. It became a problem for him."

But Cyrus is reportedly still holding out hope of a reconciliation.

"They do fight, but she is crazy about Liam," another source says, adding that Cyrus "isn't ready to accept it might be over for good."



Anna Kendrick

Anna Kendrick ends her relationship

Anna Kendrick has reportedly ended her four-year relationship with her Scott Pilgrim vs. the World director Edgar Wright, according to Us Weekly.

"She's single," a source says. "It was done a little while ago."

In her new life as a single gal, Kendrick has been ruminating about what life would be like on reality TV.

"If I were a contestant on The Bachelor, I'd just end up falling in love with the weird sound guy and making things uncomfortable for everyone," she joked recently on Twitter.

"To all the people joking about becoming sound guys, you should also know they put mics in actresses' cleavage and packs on (their) inner thighs. Think about it."



Helen Mirren

Helen Mirren having pup problems

Helen Mirren has been having trouble with one of her canine co-stars in her new West End play, The Audience, leading to seven-year-old corgi Lizzy getting the axe, according to the Telegraph.

The dog, who appeared as one of Queen Elizabeth's pets in the play, failed to hit her

cues on 16 separate occasions before producers decided to replace her.

"She was excited the first three times," director Stephen Daldry tells the newspaper. "And then I think she decided she didn't want to be an actress anymore. She decided to retire."

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Ok, not trying to be cute, but the new Pope — he looks like my Uncle Abe — a Jew! So, Mazel Tov, Pope.



@mradamscott

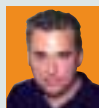
Ralph Macchio is now the same age Pat Morita was when they shot The Karate Kid. Goodnight!



@GarryShandling

Don't worry - by the time I die technology will be so advanced you'll still be able to tweet me. And follow.

Liquid Assets

Drinking like
a leprechaun

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For a country not much larger than New Brunswick, Ireland sure has created an international reputation for itself. Whether music, literature, cuisine, bar culture and, of course, liquids, its fame is undeniable.

Though I'm only one quarter Irish, that part of me takes over as the hours grow closer to St. Patrick's Day. That means this weekend I'll be eating and drinking like a giant leprechaun. Irish stew is a personal favourite. And while a seductive pint of Guinness is a match made in heaven, you don't have to stick to the Emerald Isle when it comes to a beverage pairing.

Red wines like meat, with any medium-bodied version made from malbec making a tasty partner. On the white side, think sauvignon blanc or, if you want to get adventurous, a white grüner veltliner from Austria. A unique beer alternative with an Irish theme is Innis & Gunn Irish Whiskey.

Cask Stout (330 ml, \$3.49 - \$4.49). It's a Scottish brew aged in barrels previously filled with Irish Whiskey. Dark and chocolaty, it brings together the flavours of both cultures. Sláinte! **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



This recipe serves six to eight. PRIME PUBS

Hearty taste of Ireland

Irish Lamb Stew. The perfect balance of chewy dumplings and rich morsels of lamb, this dish is a great way to celebrate St. Paddy's

season lamb with salt and pepper. Add to Dutch oven and sear 3 mins. until brown on all sides. Add onions, carrots and celery. Sauté for 30 seconds. Add garlic and sauté for additional 30 seconds. Add beef stock and Kilkenny. Cover and simmer for 40 mins.

2. Add potatoes and simmer for another 20 minutes or until lamb is tender. When lamb is tender, add rosemary.

3. Meanwhile to make dumplings, in bowl place flour, baking powder and salt and mix together. Add milk and oil to dry ingredients. Mix until just combined. Using tablespoon, add to stew, 10 at a time. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until dumplings are cooked. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and place on pan

lined with parchment paper.

4. Add peas to stew and mix in. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve stew in large crock. Top each portion with 2 to 3 dumplings and sprinkle with chopped

parsley.

CHEF BRYAN JUREK (TRY THIS RECIPE ON THE IRISH MENU OF ALL MEMBERS OF PRIME PUBS FAMILY OF PREMIUM PUBS, INCLUDING FIONN MACCOOL'S AND D'ARCY MCGEE'S FROM MARCH 4 UNTIL APRIL 28)

Ingredients

Lamb Stew

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sea salt
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) black pepper
- 2 lbs (900 g) boneless lamb shoulder, outside fat removed, diced into 1-inch pieces
- 2 medium onions, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 medium carrots, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup (225 ml) celery, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 5 cups (1.25 l) beef stock
- 2/3 cup (160 ml) Kilkenny beer
- 2 large Yukon Gold potatoes, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 stalk rosemary
- 20 dumplings
- 1-1/2 cup (350 ml) peas
- Parsley, chopped for garnish

Dumplings

- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 3/4 tsp (3.5 ml) salt
- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) milk
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil

Chop Suey goes Irish

Ingredients

- Six 12-oz bottles Guinness
- 1-lb package wide egg noodles
- 1 1/2 lb 90 per cent lean ground beef
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp brown mustard
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 scallions, chopped

"(Guinness) has a rich spectrum of uses," says Paul Hartley, author of Guinness: An Official Celebration of 250 Remarkable Years (Hamlyn, 2009). "It's this rounded velvety feel and it fuses with all the right things. Like oysters and blue cheese and chocolate. From time to time, I marinate chicken in Guinness and lime and grill it. It brings all that to life."

In keeping with the tradition of expanding Guinness' use, try it in Irish Chop Suey.

1. In stockpot over medium-

high, bring Guinness to boil. Add egg noodles and cook until al dente according to package directions. Drain noodles, but reserve 3 cups of the liquid (add water if needed to have 3 cups). Set both aside.

2. Meanwhile, in deep skillet over medium-high, combine ground beef, onion and garlic. Sauté until browned and cooked through, about 10 mins. Add flour and stir to coat. Stir in mustard, Worcestershire sauce, thyme and reserved Guinness. Cook for 5 mins., or until sauce



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

has thickened. Season with salt and black pepper. Stir in egg noodles and serve topped with scallions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Blades face Raiders to finish regular season

The Saskatoon Blades will be playing their final two games in Prince Albert this weekend. The Blades (44-22-4) will be playing the Raiders (35-28-7) at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The two teams will meet again on Saturday in Prince Albert at 7 p.m. This will be the Blades final game of the regular season.

The Blades have, however, clinched their playoff spot and enter the weekend in second place in the Eastern Conference. **METRO**

Figure skating

Virtue-Moir trail U.S. rivals after short dance

Canada's Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir find themselves with considerable ground to make up in their quest for a world ice dance title in their hometown.

The Olympic gold medallists scored 73.87 points in their short dance Thursday, and trail American rivals Meryl Davis and Charlie White by nearly four points heading into Saturday's free dance.

Virtue, from London, Ont., and Moir, from Ilderton, Ont., had one moment when they were noticeably out of synch in their skate.

Davis and White scored 77.12. Russians Ekaterina Bobrova and Dmitri Soloviev were third with 70.05.

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University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds goaltender Daniel LaCosta watches a shot come in from University of Saskatchewan forward Chris Durand, left, as Andrew Bailey runs a screen during CIS University Cup action in Saskatoon on Thursday. The Huskies lost 3-1. **LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Huskies left seeing Reds after opener

CIS hockey. U of S begin championship tournament with a 3-1 loss to New Brunswick

Daine Todd and Tyler Carroll scored back-to-back power-play goals as the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds scored three unanswered goals to down the Saskatchewan Huskies 3-1 on Thursday at the Canadian Interuniver-

No. 1 seed upset

Keaton Hartigan made 42 saves as the No. 6 Waterloo Warriors shocked the top-ranked Alberta Golden Bears 2-1 on Thursday in the opening game of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey championship.

- Justin Larson and Blake Chartier scored power-play goals for the Warriors, who were outshot 43-13 by Alberta. Colin Behenna assisted on both goals.

sity Sport men's hockey championship tournament.

Todd added two assists for UNB, while Antoine Houde-

Caron had a goal late in the third period. Daniel LaCosta made 13 saves for the win.

Jimmy Bubnick was the

lone scorer for Saskatchewan, while Ryan Holfeld stopped 26 shots.

The Varsity Reds were 2-for-5 on the power play, while the Huskies went 1-for-4 with the man advantage.

Bubnick's goal gave Saskatchewan a 1-0 lead, but Todd tied it 1-1 within the next six minutes.

Carroll then scored the eventual winner with less than a minute to play in the second period.

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Penguins vault over Leafs in third frame

Pascal Dupuis scored twice in the third period Wednesday as the Pittsburgh Penguins stormed back to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 28 saves for Pittsburgh (20-8-0), which defeated the Maple Leafs 5-4 in a dramatic shoot-out on the same ice five days earlier and has now won seven in a row.

Craig Adams added an empty-net goal with 10 seconds left in regulation for the Pens.

Tyler Bozak scored for Toronto (15-12-1), which has dropped four in a row. Ben Scrivens made 25 saves in taking the loss.

Tied 1-1 in the third, Chris Kunitz fed Dupuis in the slot and he wired a shot past Scrivens and into the top corner with 2:10 left in regulation.

Pittsburgh trailed 1-0 after two periods but tied it when Kunitz won a puck battle in the Toronto zone and found Sidney Crosby. The Penguins captain then fired a backhand-

ed no-look pass to Dupuis, who beat a helpless Scrivens at 12:42.

Scrivens got the start ahead of James Reimer for Toronto, which had given up a combined 18 goals over its last four games (1-2-1) coming in.

The game was missing a level of creativity that could have been provided by injured Penguins superstar Evgeni Malkin, who missed his third straight game with an undisclosed injury.

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Penguins forward Pascal Dupuis reaches over Leafs defenceman John-Michael Liles for the puck in Toronto on Thursday. **CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Diaz cranks up the 'craziness' upon arrival in Montreal for UFC 158

MMA. Welterweight challenger has GSP shaking his head as pre-fight presser gets weird

One day after missing a scheduled public workout ahead of UFC 158, Nick Diaz put on a show.

The often-sullen California welterweight showed off his chatty side at a news conference Thursday, wielding the microphone like a talk-show host. Diaz hogged the dais, throwing out comments and interjecting whether there was a question directed his way or not. It ranged from the poignant to the bizarre.

"(In terms of) craziness, that was a 10 out of 10," UFC president Dana White said afterward.

At times, Diaz's stream-of-consciousness monologues seemed to bewilder cham-

Quoted

"Are you crazy in your head, man? I'm not scared of you. You'll see Saturday if I'm scared of you."

Georges St-Pierre to Nick Diaz on Thursday in Montreal

pion Georges St-Pierre. Other times, a stone-faced GSP seemed antagonized and appalled.

"He's in a different place than he's ever been because he's really mad," White told reporters later.

Normally cool as a cucumber, St-Pierre (23-2) is jalapeno-hot going into Saturday's main event.

Diaz got GSP going after looking directly at the champ and castigating him for saying he reminded him of the bully who used to taunt the champion as a child.



UFC president Dana White stands between Georges St-Pierre, left, and Nick Diaz during a news conference on Thursday in Montreal. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"How many times have you had a gun to your head, Georges? How many times has

someone put a gun to your head? How many of your best friends been shot through the

chest with a .45? Or how many of your best friends (have) been stomped or put to sleep

into a coma?" said Diaz, who hails from the Stockton-Lodi area of California.

"We all had to deal with these things in life."

An incredulous St-Pierre looked like someone had just given him a fork and told him to eat a journalist in front of him.

"He told me a few days ago, 'I want to make sure when this is over he (Diaz) retires,'" White said after the news conference at the Bell Centre.

Diaz did apologize to the fans for skipping Wednesday's public workout, saying he had gotten in at midnight the night before and needed his sleep.

Diaz (27-8-1) has been suspended twice for testing positive for marijuana.

He was also dropped from a UFC 137 title fight with St-Pierre in October 2011 after failing to show up for news conferences in Toronto and Las Vegas. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Something you are told today may cause you to wonder if someone you thought was a friend is actually an enemy. Before you jump to conclusions make sure you have all the evidence.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Life can be easy or life can be hard – it all depends on the outlook you choose to adopt. Attitude is everything: the right attitude can make even the most difficult set of circumstances look easy.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may not know why you distrust a work colleague but you know better than to ignore your instincts. If you don't want to get involved in what they are suggesting it is your right to say "No" and walk away.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Wisdom is not a destination but a journey. With that thought in mind don't fall into the trap of thinking you know it all today. Keep an open mind and you might learn something that gives you an advantage.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't fight change today because it will lead to something better. Yes, in the short-term it may be painful, but in the long-term it will benefit you in numerous ways.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Is there something you can do to make a loved one feel better about a difficult situation? A few words of comfort could be all it takes to give them the strength to battle against the odds – and win.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Let the world know what you think today, even if you worry that it might provoke a negative reaction. The truth should never be hidden or denied, so speak your mind and ignore those who don't like it.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You can do your reputation a world of good today by passing up the chance to get even with someone who has let you down. They may deserve a slap on the wrist but they're not worth the effort.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Other people may not be as quick off the mark as you today but that does not mean they are stupid. On the contrary, by taking things slower they are less likely to make mistakes.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are at odds with someone over a serious issue and before the day is over there will be some harsh words flying around. Clear the air by all means but avoid making hasty decisions. Cool down a bit first.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You must look brave on the outside even though you may be scared on the inside. Believe it or not you are close to making a success of something you thought was going to fail big time.

Pisces

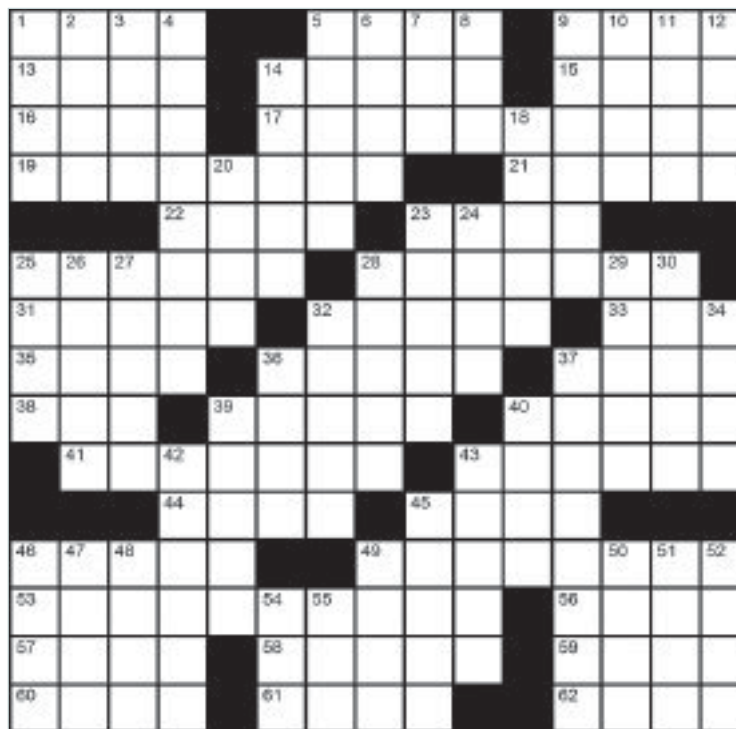
Feb. 20 - March 20

There is nothing you cannot do: your potential is unlimited. Whether or not you believe that is true does not matter – what matters is that you act as if it is true. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- The ___ of March
- Actor Mr. MacLachlan
- Place to skate
- Wood-for-furniture
- How canned seafood can be packed: 2 wds.
- Rhyme scheme
- Song in '65's "The Sound of Music": "Climb ___ Mountain"
- Klondike Gold Rush hub: 2 wds.
- ___-style bagels
- Theatre lane
- Horse coat style
- Actors Ed or Keenan
- Hamilton's football team, familiarly
- Canadian journalist Valerie; also one of a chip brand
- Island near the Statue of Liberty
- Like a leaf's pattern
- Meal morsel
- "The ___ King" (1994)
- Shopping places
- ___ butter (Beauty product ingredient)
- Washroom, for short
- Religious orders
- Sugar ___ (Sap-to-syrup spot)
- Juno-winning singer Ms. Cox
- Juno-winning singer, Keshia ___
- Jealousy
- Weaving machine



- The Phantom of the ___
- Toronto-born cartoonist Joe Shuster's co-creation
- Irish stage show that made Michael Flatley a star
- Dancer in "Return of the Jedi" (1983)
- Time: German

- Margaret Atwood novel, ___ Grace
- Ranks like Klinger's on "M*A*S*H", for short
- Finds in mines
- Baseball gear
- Singer Alicia

- "Whip It" band with tiered hats
- Garner
- Mode of transport in Vancouver
- "Wavin' Flag" singer
- Bellow
- Fleur-de-___ [var. sp.]
- "Strange Magic" gr.
- Motorsport activity

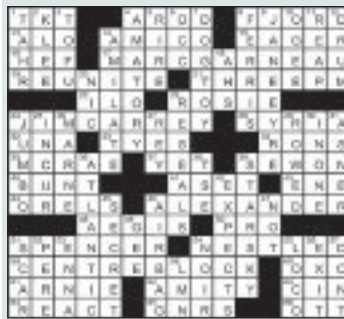
Down

- Particular

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- Sacred ___ (Revered bird in ancient Egypt)
- 'N' in NHL, for short
- Showbiz star Danny
- Concepts
- "___ McPhee" (2005)
- Turns to compost
- Legal documents
- Yangs counterparts
- "Live to ___" by Madonna
- Homer's epic poem
- Sort of spice
- City in Australia
- Actress Lindsay
- Put up a building
- Holiday, slang-style
- Choose
- "Jeopardy!" creator Mr. Griffin
- St. Patrick's Day symbol
- Submarine instrument
- It might be laced
- Artist-style hats
- Makes do
- Star Wars creator George
- Rice-shaped pasta
- ___ 1 Imports
- Songstress Ms. Sands
- Miffed state
- Sulk
- Friendly nation
- It's in northern BC, ___ River
- Lightly apply
- Wing-like part

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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